



GOD'S LOVE

Communion With Him

Have you been to talk to Jesus
On this lovely, happy day?
Have you asked His blessed presence;
Have you taken time to pray?

Have you had a time of splendor
Where by eyes of men unseen?
Could you feel His gracious presence,
When nothing else could come between?

God delights when thus we pray Him,
And to us the Spirit given
Fills our souls with joy and gladness.
Then it seems we're all in heaven.

Don't let His soul be grieving
By not taking time to pray.
If you want Him He will meet you
And will guide you all the way.

—By Haskell Compton.

THE GROUND OF



“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place.” Acts 2:1. “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4.

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Notes From The General Overseer

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR THE ORPHANS

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world.—James 1:17.

It is the time of the year when all are thinking more or less of gifts. Some possibly will not be expecting to receive near so many nor will give so many gifts this year. You may have said that you are not able and will not give anything this year, but when Christmas really comes there is that good feeling of cheer and you want to make some one happy, until you give something anyway. Many never think of the greatest gift—JESUS, and of the most profitable gifts to the most worthy persons, but will just give to those who many times can never appreciate it. Therefore, since we have little to give, we should give it where it is most needed and where it will be the most appreciated.

Remember the ORPHANS with an offering and they will appreciate it so much and God will bless you for doing it.

Why give to the orphans? Because you want to KEEP pure religion. (Pure religion will visit and GIVE.)

1. Because we feel responsible for the orphans here in Cleveland. They belong to us. Had you not opened your heart and provided home, clothing and food for them, many of them no doubt would have been pushed off in unwelcome places, possibly some roving the streets with no place to go, hungry, and feeling that nobody loved them.

2. Because we are in need of cash to take care of the obligations. The expense of getting the children ready for the Assembly, as we generally wait until just before the Assembly to buy the shoes and some of their clothing, the expense drew heavily on the cash, and too, since the Assembly for some reason the money has not been coming in as well. Possibly the pastors moving to new fields and added expense in different ways is the cause, but this Christmas offering will be so much appreciated at this time.

3. Another reason why you should remember the orphans is that we still owe several hundred dollars on the new dormitory building at the boys' farm. Also, the committee has taken more children into the homes.

What to give? MONEY. The many

things that you would like to send to the orphans, most of them can be bought from the wholesale houses cheaper than you can buy them, and then too, save the expense of sending it. However, if you should desire to send a box of fruit, nuts, candies, etc., this would be appreciated. But the most practical gift to the orphans here is the cash.

Pastors, don't let this opportunity slip without taking an offering for the orphans.

I fancy I can hear hundreds, yes, thousands say, "Yes, I am giving to the orphans this Christmas," then do it. Come on, everybody, get a blessing in giving.

It is now time for all our evangelists to send in their 1935 license to be exchanged for the 1936 license.

Be sure to give your correct address on the back of the license and state also whether or not you are pastoring a church.

It is not necessary for bishops, deacons or exhorters to send in their certificates for renewal.

After your papers have been renewed here at Headquarters, they are mailed to your respective state overseer for his signature and he will mail your license to you.

If possible, we would be glad to have all license for renewal in before the first of January.

OVERSEER OF WASHINGTON AND OREGON

The committee duly authorized to appoint state overseers, after correspondence with different persons relative to the work, met on November 29th, and unanimously agreed to send Brother L. L. Milam, as overseer of the two states, Washington and Oregon.

We feel that this is a ripe field, and ask that all pray for our brother in this new work that God will especially be with him.

December 9, 1935, the committee unanimously agreed that we add the State of Iowa to Brother J. M. Snyder's territory.

SPECIAL DRIVE FOR THE AGED MINISTERS

Many of the churches and states are arranging to pay off their aged ministers' drive in order to make it a Christmas gift to the precious old veterans of the cross. Come on! You who have moved away from your local church, mail in your dime at once to help pay this off. 10c isn't much but if much correspondence is done to collect it, the government will get the greater part of it.

Notices

I feel definitely led by the Spirit to distribute Evangels free of charge. I can use all that may be mailed me and shall distribute them carefully and prayerfully.—John W. Short, West Maiden P. O., Washington, Pa.

All the Churches of God in the State of West Virginia: Please send all your tithes of Y. P. E. offerings to Sister Alta Hanlin, Bayard, W. Va. She is State Y. P. E. Treasurer for this Assembly year.—Howard D. Statum, State Y. P. E. Supt.

The church at Maud, Okla., would like to know the spiritual condition of Lorene Kelley and Erma Kelley.—Bonnie Johnson, Box 783, Maud, Okla.

There will be an all-day service three miles west of Tula, Miss., on the first Sunday in January. All are invited. If you can't come, pray with us on that day, as this is a new place and many hungry souls are seeking the Lord.—L. A. Harville, Star Rt. 1, Grenada, Miss.

To the Sunday Schools of the State of Florida: Please remember that your new state superintendent is to receive your monthly Sunday School reports and unless we have them by the 5th of each month, you forfeit your right to receive the banner and \$5.00 cash reward which accompanies the banner each month. Remember also that in order for your school to participate in the state-wide monthly \$5.00 cash reward contest as passed in the Florida state preachers' meeting, you must send at the rate of 10c per month to your state Sunday School superintendent. This amount may be sent in each month or you can pay six months or twelve months in advance and save the trouble of mailing same each month. You will receive proper credit for whatever amount you send at one time, but unless you have to your credit 10c in advance for each month, your right is forfeited to receive the \$5.00 cash reward that month. Come on, Sunday Schools of the State of Florida, let us double our membership this year.—E. L. Newton, State Sunday School Supt.

To the Church of God in Mississippi and elsewhere: This is to certify that G. D. (Dave) Jones of Red Bay, Ala., Rt. 2, is no longer a minister in The Church of God.—T. M. McClendon, state overseer of Mississippi.

Lest We Forget

MRS. H. W. POTEAT

TEXT: 1 Cor. 2:4, "And my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power."

The above quotation was uttered by the learned Apostle Paul, showing his recognition of the fact that it would take more than flowery orations to move the heart of man and so establish him in the faith that he would not be moved.

We are reminded just here of a noted evangelist who is now conducting a campaign in this country. Evidently from all newspaper reports, he is swaying the multitudes by his fair speech and winning personality, so much so that they are contributing to his support by hundreds of dollars. But alas! his method of getting them saved is only a handshake and a card-signing. Beloved, we know that such shallow experiences will never stand in the testing times in which we are living, to say nothing of the white light of God's judgment.

Now, of course, we Church of God people are not dumb or blind concerning these things, but I fear that if we are not careful and prayerful a spirit like unto this will come in, causing us to depend on our natural ability, forgetting that in order to bring forth fruit that will remain, it must be won by the Word of God, impregnated with the Spirit and power of God by the hearer of the message.

Is the preaching of the Cross of such nonimportance as to justify the one who is to stand before the audience of sin-ridden, habit-bound, heart-broken humanity, in loitering around, listening to the varied programs which are snatched from the air and transferred to one's living room by the genius of man; which, at one turn of a button, places them in the atmosphere of Hollywood's movie stars or New York's gangsterland?

Or, perchance, instead of a day spent intermingled with prayer and searching God's Word for a heaven-born message, the day is spent in visiting, indulging in light, chaffy conversation, climaxed by a sumptuous meal with scarcely enough time reserved to snatch up a stale outline and hurriedly review a message, which, to be sure, is a Bible discourse, but which, without the consultation of God, may miss the congregation, figuratively speaking, a hundred miles. The letter without the Spirit is dead.

Beloved it's no wonder that so many professions are palmed off on us while we are forced to stand by, helpless, and see

the cause of Christ suffer as a result, all for the lack of the power and presence of God. Personally, I am not in favor of a "scored up revival." By this I mean a revival just put on to help get some preacher on "his feet" financially, or to help some transient workers passing one way, which invariably, under such conditions, will not be entered into wholeheartedly. Give me workers who are led by the Spirit of God and regardless of financial outlook or other foreboding circumstances prove their reliance on God by their earnest entreaties by prayer, and you will see them come forth from their prayer chamber a yielded vessel and meet for the Master's use. Instead of singing, "Revive us again," hosannas to the King will ring out and the saints of God, thus inspired by the leader, will swing the doors of their hearts open wide and the power of God will sweep the place, putting to flight the finger waves and causing the features of those bedaubed with cosmetics to be overflowed with tears of reconsecration.

Beloved, the Word says, "The joy of the Lord is our strength." This being true, if those in the lead will be yielded vessels for the Holy Ghost to work thru, the members will be encouraged to do likewise, thereby gaining courage and strength to surmount the many obstacles which daily beset their pathway.

You may say, "I don't believe in priming the people to shout, neither do I, but let's not put the clamps on, so to speak, so that the Spirit of God will not be aroused in the hearts of the saints. Freedom of the Spirit of God should be given preeminence in our services, for if we please God we must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

You say, "I'm afraid to give way to the Holy Ghost for fear the flesh will work in." To be sure the enemy is always on hand to imitate God's power, as in Aaron's day when he cast down the rod, but remember, Aaron's rod swallowed up the fakers' rods, thus putting them to open shame. Let's have faith enough in God to be willing for Him to work, believing He is Master of the situation and will come on the scene and distinguish the right from the wrong.

We are living in an age that the gifts which belong in God's Church are becoming not only a privilege but a vital necessity. We can't travel much longer without power to cast out devils, the word of wisdom and knowledge to enable us to settle perplexing problems, to

say nothing of the other gifts mentioned. There is a time for all things. So far we have accomplished much for God's cause. Not so any longer. We are at a standstill, spiritually. There is no way forward now but the knee route.

Saints, there is a famine in the land, not for the doctrine of the Son of God, this we have been in possession of for a number of years, but for the mighty power of God to work in our midst as in the days of the early church. When Paul and Silas were put in jail for performing the mighty works of God, instead of lamenting they began to sing praises unto God. The power of God shook the place, loosing the prisoners and causing the jailer to cry out, "Brethren, what must I do to be saved?"

There is a yearning in the hearts of God's people for more of God, which, as in old Elisha's case, will not be satisfied until we move out for God. I am a firm supporter of the power and demonstration of God in our services. Otherwise we will be as the class spoken of in the Word, who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof.

Saints, the enemy is pulling "the wool over our eyes," for a fact, causing us to conform to the world in their mode of dressing, bedecking ourselves with veils, gloves, etc., which are as a muzzle to the Holy Ghost. Of course, such things are a hindrance to our rendering wholehearted service to God in rejoicing and clapping our hands in praise to God. And are they not, when laid on the plumb line of God's eternal Word, just a little manifestation of the same spirit possessed by the children of Israel when they wanted a king like other people? In other words, worldly conformity?

Now, just a word to our young people, who today are blessed with the wonderful privilege to improve their minds and talents through the medium of our Bible and music school. The Word says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God," or in other words, let our main object be to please God in being able to bring to your hearers the gospel in word and song, in a simple, intelligent manner which they will not be able to gainsay; not forgetting the one thing which is most needful, and that is that weight of consecration and prayer which it takes to balance it all, causing it to avail much.

Love Pervades the Church

SALE CREEK, Tenn.—A one week's revival closed Nov. 24th at Sale Creek held by Brother Thurman, our pastor. Two were reclaimed and the little band was greatly encouraged. A wonderful, mellow spirit of love pervades the church. Please pray for us continually.—Humbly, H. Brumley, clerk.

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community.

THE EARTH AND THE AGE TO COME

This subject may seem strange to thousands of Christian people who are not thoroughly acquainted with the Scriptures. To us it is one of the most urgent for the day, that now seems so tremendously all-alluring. Our post-millennium friends have pushed the return of Christ far off and have made heaven seem like a phantom or a far-away unattainable thing that cannot be reached. They have made the millennium of the Revelation age slowly growing out of the Church age, resulting from its final development, not seeing that the churches are losing all power and cannot maintain their own life, much less convey life to the dead world. The Scriptures declare that the Lord must come back again to deliver His Church out of the world, place her in the position of glory with Himself, take to Himself His great power, and reign over nations that prove themselves utterly incapable of dominion.

We read so many articles on the return of the Lord, and so many of them are such perversions of the Scriptures that it makes it impossible for all the prophets and their prophecies concerning the last days to be true. There is only one rightful way to determine prophecy and that is comparing prophecy by prophecy, and when this is done, you have ever problem solved.

The fact is now being dawned on many minds that our Lord's return and reign by a vast majority of churches, or at least their complex silence on it, will be one of the most powerful causes of the kingdom of Antichrist. So many professed followers of Christ are depending on ritualism and leaving off the Spirit and power of God, teaching that the world is becoming better every day and that finally God will lift from the earth all traces of the curse and give us a glorified world and His Son will come and receive it. But this cannot be proved by scripture.

Isaiah 35 is a clear and distinct prophecy concerning God's blessings on the earth, and it tells us exactly where the millennium will be set up. The millennial age that is coming, begins with a complete revelation in nature. It is not a heavenly world described, nor a fleshly created earth, but the old earth fundamentally changed. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of

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Editorials

The readers of the Evangel will regret to know that T. Lloyd McLain has been very sick for two weeks. It seemed that we were going to lose him for a few days, but the brethren earnestly prayed and God touched his body. He is not able to sit up at this writing, but we feel in a few days he will be able to return to the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Our Sunday School literature is now being mailed out and we urge our people to send in their orders at once before the mails are crowded with the usual rush of the Christmas season. Please order a good supply for every Sunday School for we have made ample provision to take care of all orders.

The mailing clerk tells me they have a large number of cards, quarterlies and lesson leaves left over from last quarter. Any one wishing to purchase these can have them for one-fourth of the usual price. It would be good to purchase this literature and distribute it among people who are not acquainted with The Church of God literature and thereby do a good work in spreading the gospel. Remember that the Publishing House needs your support at this crisis.

CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS AND PICTURES

In looking over our stock we find that we have a supply of Christmas greeting cards with scripture verses on every one of them, a beautiful picture of the wise men, Jesus as a babe, Mary His Mother, and many Bible characters. These certainly will be fine for greeting cards for your friends. We have quite a supply of these cards and you can get them from us in boxes—21 for \$1.00; and 12 for 50c. These cards in the book stores would cost you from about 10c to 25c a card.

We will mail them in boxes to you, postage prepaid.

We also have three different sized pictures of the General Assembly. One picture of the interior, in which many of the congregation can be recognized easily, 50c; one large picture of the ministers and congregation on the front steps of the auditorium, 75c; post cards of the Assembly, 10c. These certainly would be fine for a little token of love to mail to your friends. You haven't but a few days to order them, Christmas is almost here.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We have Precious Promise Boxes, a bunch of cards with scripture verses on them. This will be nice to have on your table at meal time and let every one draw a card, then each one read his verse.

We also have Scripture Text Calendars. On these calendars is the picture of Mary with the picture of the baby Jesus in her arms. The picture alone is worth more than the price of the calendar. They sell for 35c each.

We have Mottoes of all descriptions, ranging in price from 20c to 75c. Some of them are in little frames with glass covers. We have pictures of shepherds, angels, the early Christmas, etc. You can decorate your home cheaply with these religious mottoes and I am sure they will be a great blessing to all who may visit your home.

We have Bibles ranging from \$16.00 down to \$1.50. In fact, you can get anything you want in the way of religious goods from this Publishing House. This will greatly aid us in carrying on the work here. Please do not buy worldly and unscriptural cards with hideous pictures and worldly pictures that are not fit to mail to Christians. From your own Publishing House you can get everything you need. I especially appeal to the pastors of every local church to help us in the sale of these goods that I feel would do much to spread the gospel in your

Mysteries of the Bible that are Realities

(Continued)

D. G. PHILLIPS

FOLLOWING a recent article on the great subject of the new birth as being a mystery, we are reading just a little further and we find the apostle in his writing saying words like these, "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself," Eph. 1:9.

In order that we may thoroughly understand what the mystery of His will is, we must know something about His will. Again, we must appeal to the Word of God to be on the safe side.

"For this is the will of God, even your SANCTIFICATION, that ye should abstain from fornication." 1 Thess. 4:3. Here the Word tells us that God has willed to us an inheritance. Now where there is an inheritance left by will, in order that the party named in the will might receive that inheritance there is one thing that must be done, that is, the party must be identified. And since God has willed to us SANCTIFICATION, it will be necessary that we be identified, and the only identification is THE NEW BIRTH.

Sanctification is and always has been a MYSTERY. People in all ages have said there was no such thing, only as a setting apart. We are ready to admit that there is a two-fold meaning, but we must place it where it belongs. It is in the mind of God that you and I receive this glorious experience for this purpose, "That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour," 1 Thess. 4:4. Through the experience of the new birth we have our sins forgiven, that is, our actual transgressions that we have committed, but in SANCTIFICATION we have our SIN washed away, our old man crucified, our Adamic sin, that which we are not responsible for.

Over nineteen centuries ago Jesus hung upon the cross, gave His life's blood that we might have this glorious experience. "Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate," Heb. 13:12, and while it is a mystery how that his blood shed nineteen centuries ago can sanctify us now, thank God, it is a reality.

Going back with the prophet of old, I find many things that they wrote were types or shadows of something that would appear later. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crim-

son, they shall be as wool," Isa. 1:18. Here the old prophet, seven hundred sixty years before Jesus died on Calvary, speaks to us introducing the cleansing, sanctifying blood that will be a mystery to the world.

Many are expecting at death to automatically come into a state of SANCTIFICATION, but brother, sister, death is not our sanctification but we must recognize the blood, and if you are not made holy here just remember that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12:14. What is holiness? Holiness is sanctification. What is sanctification? Sanctification is holiness. This is the MYSTERY.

In the ministry of Jesus He taught sanctification, preached it in that wonderful Sermon on the Mount, when He said, "Blessed are the PURE in heart for they shall see God," Matt. 5:8. Our hearts are only made pure by the all-atoning blood of Jesus. "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness," Zech. 13:1. Here the prophet was telling us of that never-failing, ever-flowing fountain from which teeming millions have drunk to their hearts' content and the supply has never been exhausted. It was this living water that Jesus told the Samaritan woman about that was such great mystery to her.

The question is asked by many, "Was this experience taught in the early days, or the apostles' day? We read where Jesus, in that wonderful prayer to His Father, said, "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth," John 17:17. You might say, Yes, but where did they get the blessing? We answer this by the Word of God. Taking this same crowd that He was praying for, He goes out to Bethany to make His departure for the glory world, and there gives them their instructions as to the future. He said, "And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high," Luke 24:49. And at this last meeting with them, even while He was talking with them, He lifted up His hands and BLESSED them, or imparted to them the second blessing of sanctification that gave them the JOY He had prayed that they might have. He was just preparing them for one of the greatest events that has ever been bestowed upon humanity—THE HOLY GHOST.

After the departure of Jesus, His fol-

lowers went forth carrying out the divine commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe ALL things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen," Matt. 28:19, 20. Sanctification is one of the ALL things for us to teach. Paul had it, he taught it, for we find that he said, "Prove ALL things: Hold fast that which is good (that good experience of the new birth): Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you WHOLLY, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thess. 5:21-23.

Here He teaches that our spirit, soul, and body can be sanctified WHOLLY, that is, in accordance with these words, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," Rom. 12:1. By presenting our bodies entirely to Him, we will prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect WILL OF God. His will is our sanctification. It was a fundamental teaching in the days of the reformation, when it was revealed to the Wesleys who had the born-again experience. This revelation came as it did to Paul. "How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery," Eph. 3:3. The foundation of the old Methodist church was built upon the experience of SANCTIFICATION as a second definite work of grace wrought in the heart through faith in the blood of the Son of God. And for a period of one hundred seventy-five years it was preached and thousands upon thousands got the blessing, shouted the victory and left the testimony that they have gone home.

Because it is not popular, because critics say it is not scriptural, because it is a mystery to so many, are we going to fail Him in our commission? Let us unfurl the truth, let us uphold the blood. Some have taken the blood songs from their books, they no longer uphold the blood-stained banner to a hungry-hearted world. Will we fail? Brethren, come on, let us not be moved by public opinion. When the apostles preached the Word, He confirmed it with signs following. If we will stand for it, He will confirm His Word. This is just another MAIN SILL that has held our doctrine to Biblical lines. While apostasy is raging and offering BIDS for you and me, let us lift up the standard of this MYSTERIOUS SANCTIFICATION.

(To be continued)

Some Distinguishing Signs of the Righteous

BY MRS. T. L. McLAIN

EZEKIEL 9:4, "And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof."

The word "sigh" means to lament, grieve, yearn, and the word "cry" has several different meanings also, but that which I am speaking of means to lament audibly, to shed tears, with or without sound, to sob or weep.

Oh, if we, as members of the Church of God, that which we know is the greatest institution in the world, would humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and beg Him to break up our hearts, so we could sigh and cry over the condition of this lost world, and more especially, the conditions that are existing in many of our homes, who have loved ones just carelessly drifting along with the tide, still on the road to destruction, while we, who have this good experience, will allow the enemy of our soul to get us to cool off, and we can't feel the burden for lost souls. We need to cry to God as Jeremiah did, "Oh that my head were water, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night."

But some will say, "I don't see the need of all this cry-baby stuff." Surely not, that is not what I am talking about, but let us ask God to put that inward cry, sigh, lamentation and groan in our hearts, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Now, we notice some Bible characters, who did cry and weep. Heb. 5:7 tells of Jesus, who in the days of His flesh, offered up prayers and supplications, with strong crying and tears and was heard.

Then, God told Hezekiah to set his house in order, for he should die and not live, but Hezekiah began to tell the Lord to remember how he had walked before Him in truth and with a perfect heart, and he wept sore. Then God said, "I have heard thy prayer and seen thy tears; behold I will heal thee." But notice, God didn't say to Hezekiah, "I know you have walked before me in truth and with a perfect heart," but He did say, "I have heard thy prayer and seen thy tears."

I am glad that the great, loving, sympathetic heart of God can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. We think of us parents in our home life, rearing our children. We may be slow in granting the little wants and wishes of

our children sometimes, but when we see that inward emotion break forth, with sobs and strong crying, we very readily see what can be done to satisfy their desires. I am using this just as an illustration but I am trying to get us to see that we don't need to be so hard-hearted that we can't feel that inward emotional, lamentable, godly sorrow for lost souls.

We remember that Jesus groaned in spirit, was troubled and wept with Mary and Martha when their brother Lazarus was dead, but today people are becoming so hard-hearted, stiff and formal. They say now, "Don't be emotional. It isn't popular now to cry and sob, even at a funeral." But Rom. 12:15 says, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." David said, "My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?"

Oh, I know, just in the natural, we don't like to shed tears and be emotional, but how well do I remember back twenty-seven years ago, when we received this wonderful experience, how free we were, giving vent to that good, warm feeling in our hearts, ready for service, to sing, laugh, shout, cry, groan, and go down under heavy burdens for lost souls, but where do we see that going down now? I say, O dear Lord, help the Church of God to quit rubbing elbows with the world, and get down to business and ask God to roll the burden of lost souls on us, and as we have said many times, and still say, Lord, put us through at any cost. "For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

Oh, that God would help us to be real soul winners! Psalms 126:6, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

New Life in Church

I am glad Brother P. W. Chesser, our new pastor, came to Sulphur Springs. He has put new life into the church. It seems to be doing better than ever before. Our Sunday School is doing better, there is a better friendship. Thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Chesser. I have been going to the church a good while and it is doing better now than ever before. Thank God for the church. It is located at 8117 13th St., Sulphur Springs, Fla.—Robert Bell, Yukon and Tangerine Ave., Sulphur Springs, Fla.

Shouting God's Praises

GRENADA, Miss.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: I praise my dear Lord for salvation and for the wonderful preaching that has been done here in my home lately. Brother L. A. Harville did the preaching and, how God did bless him and all the hearers. The altar was full from the first service until the last. How the seekers cried out to God for mercy! Three were baptized with the Holy Ghost, six saved and many others are looking this way. It was soul food to the saints, all are drawn closer to God and have a stronger determination to live closer to Him. A church was set in order with Brother L. A. Harville as pastor and a membership of six. Others are coming in the church later.

This is a new place and I just moved here the ninth day of last March. Only two of us had the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We started prayer meetings once a week, and praise God, He has blessed us from the start. I ask all who know the value of prayer to pray much for this church. Also pray for our pastor. Pray for my husband that he will be saved and come into the Church of God before it is too late.

We have a nice Sunday School, and so much good is being done. We have an attendance of between forty-five and fifty. I am praising God because we are able to have services in our home. Our church is located at Dana, Miss., three miles south of Grenada at the home of the writer. Pray much for us here that we may hold out faithful to the end and that we may lead lost souls to Christ.—Mrs. R. E. Wilburn, Star Rt. 2.

Pray For Omaha, Nebraska

OMAHA, Nebraska.—I ask the saints everywhere to please pray for The Church of God at Omaha as we are surely having a battle to fight. There are many people standing back looking to see what we are going to do as so many have come here, started something and then ran away and let it go down. Also every one says Omaha is the devil's dumping ground. Tuesday night some one got in the church and took all our property, and Wednesday when we came to church to have service there was nothing there but we found out who took them, so praise the Lord.

A party offered more money for the building so we have to look for another one, but we are going to hold meetings in a home until we can locate a good building. We do not have a large membership here but what we have got is Church of God and will stand fast, thank the Lord. If any of you feel a burden of prayer, pray for Omaha, Nebr.—Herald A. Phillips, pastor.

Bible School Echoes

I Wanted To Help Some

Dear Brother Tharp:

Having seen your appeal in the Evangel of November 23, in regard to the dormitory for the Bible Training School boys, I am sending one dollar. I would be glad to send more and send each month, but I am not able to work. I have a job of sweeping three rooms and get twenty-five cents per week for that, and my husband sends me five dollars per month. That is all I have to live on and after I pay my tithes, I have five dollars and forty cents left, but I felt I wanted to help some. I'm hoping and praying for the success of B. T. S.—A sister in Christ.

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Dear Students:

Here is my Christmas gift for your building program for a boys' dormitory. To express my interest in your program, I am sending you \$1.00.

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Illinois Ministers' Meeting

The ministers' meeting for the state of Illinois convened at Christopher, Nov. 14, 15, inclusive, with Brother J. L. Goins, our esteemed state overseer, in charge. At 7:30 p. m. a goodly number had gathered with smiling faces that spoke out gladness for this occasion. Unity and fellowship prevailed. After the song service Bro. Rolla Muncy, local pastor, gave the welcome address and every one certainly felt the warm welcome extended. Since we have quite a few new ministers in the state this year, time was taken for each minister to tell where he was pastoring for the year. Brother J. R. Thomas then brought a message on "The General Need," and he surely was at his best. This message was very inspiring and we felt our need of laboring more for this great cause.

At 9:30 Friday morning quite a few had again gathered and God was surely in our midst. The sweet Holy Ghost took charge and put His approval on the service. The scripture lesson was read by Brother J. L. Goins. Following this a report on missions was given by Brother J. R. Thomas. A short talk was given on same by Brother Rolla Muncy which was surely enjoyed. The business session of the meeting was carried on in a good spirit, the state overseer moderating. "It was unanimously agreed that the minister who fails to raise his mission quota be ineligible to pastor for another year in the State of Illinois."

We were indeed honored to have in our midst our esteemed General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker. He delivered a very timely message on "Special instructions to the Ministry." This proved to be a blessing to the ministry and laity as well.

At 1:30 after songs, prayer and special music Brother Goins made the following announcements of the special officers of the state: State mission treasurer, Brother J. R. Thomas, 2090 Wise St., Eldorado, Ill.; Mission Board, Brothers J. R. Thomas, Rolla Muncy, Christopher, Ill.; state S. S. supt., Marion Joplin, Benton, Ill.; and state Y. P. E. superintendent, Rolla Muncy. It was unanimously decided to continue the state radio broadcasts from station WEBQ at Harrisburg each Monday from 3:00 to 3:45 p. m. It was also agreed to retain Brother J. R. Thomas as manager for the radio pro-

grams for the ensuing year. Then came a sermon by Brother H. N. Scoggins, on "What the Pastor Owes to the Church and Community." This message was surely inspiring and uplifting to all. Seasoned with years of experience, he carried his listeners throughout the message with a spirit of love.

At 6:30 the Y. P. E. program was on in a manner that looked as though they were well organized for their labors for the year. Brother Rolla Muncy was in charge of the program and his heart is surely in the work. The writer spoke on "The Work of the Y. P. E.," followed by a discourse on "The Value of the Y. P. E." by Brother Carl Carder. The program was enjoyed by all. Brother W. H. Barnard, state evangelist, and his evangelistic party were in our midst. We were favored with several specials in song and musical numbers, Brother J. H. Walker brought the last message and used for his theme, "The Attraction of the Cross." This was very interesting and made us want to draw near the cross of Calvary.

In a short business discussion it was decided to have the state convention and camp meeting together. The audience also voiced their approval of a six weeks' music normal and Bible training school at the close of the camp meeting. This matter was left in the hands of a committee to investigate and formulate plans.

As to the presence of God, it was marvelous. To say that the meeting was a success is only stating the truth in a mild manner; but let us remember that success increases our responsibility. The great success of the meeting proved to those who attended that we can do more to promote the Church of God in Illinois, so "let us work while it is day, for night cometh when no man worketh."—Mrs. H. R. Morehead, clerk.

A Battle Won

I thank God for His love and what He means to me. We have been in a battle for God. We had a revival here and the Lord surely did bless. Two were saved, one added to the church. Brother R. H. Tadlock did the preaching. Brother Tadlock has been an uplift to our church. He got up funds to build seats for our church and ceil it. He is a wonderful worker for God. Any church will not go wrong to get him.

Pray that God will bless our church, Sunday School and Y. P. E. Pray for my wife, baby and me as we need your prayers. God is coming soon after those who have been faithful and take us where there will be no more pain or disappointment. Pray for this place.—Your brother in Christ, Vallie Rigdon, clerk, Rt. 1, Pigeon Creek, Ala.

Sorely Tried But Still in The Battle

DODDSVILLE, Miss.—Dear saints everywhere, we are down here at Pilgrims Rest still in the battle for Jesus. The enemy has sorely tried us on every hand, it seems, to break up the little station here, but thanks be to God who is the Master of every situation, the faithful few who had built on the sure foundation and who were grounded deep enough that the storms of this life could not tear them loose and cast them adrift on the tide, are still clinging to the Rock of Ages in whom is all might and power, honor and glory. Hallelujah to His good name this morning! I know He is able to keep us. I feel His good presence and am determined to be faithful to the end.

Dear old Brother Monroe is our pastor this year. He is seventy-three years old, but still full of zeal to be about the Father's business. He is great strength to the little flock here and at the little church at Doddsville.

Dear saints, let's all be true to the dear Savior who has suffered so much to purchase this good salvation for us. Let's be willing to suffer for His dear sake. He is coming back to receive the talents He presented to us and reward us for our faithfulness to Him. Are we burying our talents, dear ones, or using them for His glory? Let us be at work while it is day, for the night cometh.

May God bless the faithful ones everywhere and help them to hold on through every trial, is my prayer, and let us pray for the precious ones who have drifted with the tide. The same dear Savior who brought them into the safe harbor once is still all powerful and merciful and ready to calm the waves, still the tide, and bring them back to safety. Praise His good name! Pray much for us here, dear children of God.—Yours in the Master's service, Eva McPherson.

It is Real But Wonderful

PONTIAC, Mich. — This beautiful morning I praise the blessed Savior who went all the way to Calvary, yes, and rose triumphant from the tomb to save lost humanity. I am so glad that I can say He is my Savior, Sanctifier, Baptizer. Praise His dear name!

Fourteen years ago He filled me with the precious Holy Ghost and the best of all I can feel Him dwelling in my soul just now. We have trusted Him for the healing of our bodies ever since. Praise His dear name! Just by His grace marvelous things He has done in our home. He has healed scarlet fever, broken bones and numerous other things. It is too wonderful for human tongue to tell, but it is real. Praise God.

About two years ago I was taken with

high blood pressure and it became so severe that at times I had to lay off from work. About two months ago it was so bad I had to quit work, but praise God, He sent one of His servants, Brother L. G. Rouse, up to Michigan. He had a healing service in Pontiac at the good Church of God of which we are members. My blood pressure was two hundred and ten when Bro. Rouse laid his hands on me, and rebuked it in Jesus' name. Glory to God, I was delivered. My greatest desire and ambition is to keep humble down at the Master's feet and do just the little things He calls me to do. I praise God for our dear God-sent overseer, Bro. Phillips, and family, also our good pastor, Brother Carl Cook. All who know the worth of prayer, pray for Michigan.—A brother in Christ, C. T. Baxter.

We Had A Great Time

W. BROXTON, Me.—Thanksgiving Day we had a wonderful time with the Lord. Though it rained all day the saints came just the same. The power of God fell in a wonderful way as our state overseer, Bro. Poteat, gave us such a wonderful message. We took courage and gave God the thanks for being there. The little church at West Broxton is getting along nicely with Brother Maynard and wife as pastor and Sister Ethel Davis as helper. The saints prepared a wonderful dinner. All ate and some was left. We had a nice afternoon also. We had free-for-all talks. All ministers spoke and most all laymembers. We went home saying, "We had a great time."—Yours for lost souls, Florida Brown, Thomaston, Me.

REQUESTS

We are now in a revival at Dayton and the Lord surely is blessing. Several have received the Holy Ghost, others coming to the altar and the saints are revived and on fire for God. Brother W. P. Lewis is doing the preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Please pray that we will have a great outpouring of the Spirit.—Your brother in Christ, John D. Raynor, pastor, 216 S. Robert Blvd., Dayton, Ohio.

Dear saints everywhere, please pray a special prayer for our prayer meetings, Sunday School, and Y. P. E. at this place, that God will bless in each meeting and rebuke the devil as he is trying to break up our meetings. Also pray that God will save souls here.—Mrs. C. B. Williams, Bolton, N. C.

I was left the sixth of August a widow. As my health was poor at that time I have stayed with my daughter and her husband. I hardly know what to do. We are having a hard time. Pray that the Lord

will provide for us through the winter. Pray for my loved ones. I try to live up to God's will but the temptations and persecutions are many. I love the holy way. Pray that the way of God may be my portion of rest and I may have a home to myself, if it be God's will. Pray for me and my loved ones. My deceased husband's name was James Perry White.—Mrs. Dora Deane White, Colt, Ark.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we need your prayer that the dear Lord will heal us of a breaking out we have, if it is His will. Please pray earnestly for us.—Your brother in Christ, W. C. Scribner, Elbridge, Tenn., Rt. 1.

I praise God for salvation, for His sweet smiles and approval on my soul, for His healing power. He has been our healer nearly twenty-three years. We are not permitted to be in meeting now but I am thankful He is able to keep us if we only trust Him. I request prayer for my two little granddaughters. One sprained her ankle and it is swollen badly. She hasn't walked for a week. The other one has a severe cold. We are trusting the Lord for the healing of their bodies. I also have an unspoken request. Please pray for God to have His way. He understands all things.—Your sister in Christ, Minnie Knouff, Town Creek, Ala.

Put On The Whole Armour

I've thought for sometime I'd write a testimony to the paper, as we are near the end of time and the day of the Lord drawing near with so many becoming faint-hearted and giving up to Satan. It causes time to be more precious to me. To us, who have been saved, cleansed from sin, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, there is no time to listen to the devil, with all his satanic powers and inducements.

We must put on the whole armour of God in order to be overcomers and be able to stand the many trials of life. I'm persuaded that we will have to be able to overcome the tests that are just ahead. Saints, let's wake up, for the day is far spent and the dark night of tribulations is just ahead, and it will soon be time to go up to meet the Lord in the air. If there is anything lacking in our Christian life, we will miss the rapture. Today's experience will not suffice for tomorrow.

We must keep pace with the light, and we will be led from victory to victory. Let us not fail God, for He is looking for us to keep our vows. Let's live so humble that the world can see Jesus in our life and remember our redemption draweth nigh.—C. W. Wilkins.

Sacred Nearness of Heavenly Host Felt

COCOA, Fla.—Dear Evangel readers: Greetings in the name of the Lord. As I feel very much impressed to tell of the greatness of the goodness of the Lord to me, I will proceed, just trusting that this will be to the glory of God.

After the Assembly we started for Hayfield, Va., to visit the home folks whom we had not seen in six years. One foot was giving me some trouble while at the Assembly. We went by way of Copperhill, Tenn., and there I must have collected some copper dust between the toes of my afflicted foot, which caused a kind of poison to set up that caused a greenish pus to form between my toes.

We arrived at Hayfield, Va., on Tuesday after the Assembly closed. We remained in that part of the country four weeks, and I was using crutches all the time. The good Lord sustained me and I was permitted to preach to those hungry folks in Virginia and West Virginia fourteen messages concerning this good old holiness way, although I had to rest the lame leg on a chair as I preached, what time I wasn't hopping on one foot. This good old holiness way puts a hop in my soul.

The church at Cocoa, Fla., the place we were appointed as our new field of labor, held a special prayer for us on Sunday night and by Monday night the swelling had almost disappeared from my foot. But in some way, while favoring my foot, I bruised my knee which was giving me much trouble. As it was high time that we were getting back to our field of labor, wife and I prayed that we would be able to start back on Thursday. But when the time arrived, it seemed that I was yet in a dangerous condition. We decided to start and to depend on the Lord to make safe the landing, although there seemed no other way but to have to do all the driving with my left foot.

After we started it seemed a long dreary road between us and Florida, especially for one in such a helpless condition as I. Old split-foot whispered a word of encouragement to turn back, but we caught a more firm grip on the Lord by faith and He came to our rescue just before we were made to turn back. I slipped that crippled foot over on the accelerator and peddled the gas and brakes with that crippled foot right on down to Cocoa, Fla., with victory in my soul.

My foot and limb would swell in the daytime and looked to be in a dangerous condition, but at night God rebuked the swelling and the next morning we were ready to go again.

One night since we came here my limb was swollen and was showing strong

symptoms of blood poisoning. As the saints lived some distance away, wife and I prayed and held on to God almost all night, and the next morning the swelling and most all the redness had vanished from my limb. The presence of the Lord and sacred nearness of the heavenly host simply filled the car with the glory of the Lord and that trip was simply a sweet trip after all.

Wayward traveller on the road to glory, don't get discouraged and turn back. Put that crippled foot on the accelerator of God's Word and step on the gas of faith.

We covet your prayers that we'll stand true to God and that we may be able to undergo any trial or test that may come our way.—Humbly your brother in Christ, D. J. Cupp.

A Determination to Press On

EASTON, Md.—We thank and praise our dear Lord for a three weeks' revival which just closed with Brother D. C. Boatwright of South Dakota in charge. The power of God was felt in a mighty way. A number of souls professed salvation. Two were sanctified and the saints were revived. Many testified that they had been greatly blessed by the wonderful messages that went forth by our dear Brother Boatwright. The saints were revived and have a stronger determination to press on with the Lord. Praise His dear name!

We wish to speak a word of praise for our pastor, Brother Carl Milligan, who has worked so faithfully with us for the past seven years. We are sorry he will not be privileged to worship with us so faithfully in the future as he has in the past, owing to the fact that he was made overseer at the last General Assembly for the states of Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D. C. We praise the Lord for the honor that was bestowed upon him, but we miss him when he has to visit other churches. It leaves a vacancy in the church. Pray for us.—Mrs. J. T. Smith.

NOTICES

To the pastors and Y. P. E. officials and workers in the State of Florida, greetings. Please see that your local Endeavor mails to me a full report of your work before the 5th of each month. I am having cards printed to furnish each Y. P. E. and if your supply of report cards is out, you may notify me and I will mail you a new supply.

There was a move accepted by the state ministers' meeting to have a state Y. P. E. banner made, which is to be awarded each month to the Endeavor which makes the greatest percentage of increase in both attendance and offerings, the one depends upon the other. Both

must show an increase. I am now having the nice new banner made and I want to see which Y. P. E. is going to be honored by being the first to have the state banner awarded them to help decorate their church.

The state Y. P. E. secretary and treasurer for this year is E. F. Kerce, Rt. 8, Box 43, Clearwater, Fla., instead of L. R. Alderman, so please do not cause Brother Alderman the trouble of having to forward your money to the new secretary and treasurer, but send all your money that is supposed to go to the state treasury of the Y. P. E. to Brother Kerce, and please, please do remember to mail all reports of your local work to me at 1410 Curtiss St., Tampa, Fla.

The churches and Y. P. E's in the sections of the state that we have visited this year, are showing great interest toward the promotion of the work, and we are expecting many more new Y. P. E's before the year is out. One new Y. P. E. was organized in the northern part of the State a few days ago and we have prospects for several other new ones to be organized soon.—E. L. Newton, Asst. State Y. P. E. Supt.

Listen, Y. P. E's in North Carolina! Let's win the national Y. P. E. banner. Sister Harrison informs me we have a good chance to win. This is our goal—every church a Y. P. E., and every Y. F. E. a Gideon. The largest number of Lighted Pathways sold, according to membership, will feature in this contest. District Overseers, Y. P. E. superintendents, and local officials, let's do our best. What do you say? Brother D. B. Yow, pastor of the church in Lenoir, N. C., has just informed me that their Y. P. E. gained sixty-four new members and received \$24.15 in offerings during the month of November. Isn't that wonderful! Somebody surely is working. I would be glad to hear from other Endeavors of the State.—Humbly, Max L. Atkins, State Y. P. E. Supt., 24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

To those who may wish to correspond with me: My address is 1716 Center St., Catlettsburg, Ky. I am open for evangelistic service. Those desiring an old time, holiness revival, write me. I am located in the "tri-state" region, viz., Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. Calls for meetings especially considered from the above states.—J. R. West.

Request

Dear saints, please pray earnestly for a very important unspoken request.—Yours in Christ, E. L. Larsen, Grand Ledge, Mich.

MISSIONS

Outlook For Year is Good

Dear Evangel Family:

Greetings. Well, we have started out in another Assembly year, and according to the outlook, this is going to be a very remarkable year, both in the physical and religious world.

We are setting our aims very high this year, for we feel like our opportunities will soon cease. Therefore let us labor harder than ever.

Well, we are glad to let you know that we are still alive, and on the job over here in the Bahamas. We have gained one new church since the Assembly, and we expect to push our battle front a little further into the enemy's territories.

We have received communications from all our districts, and we are greatly encouraged over our future prospects.

Don't forget to keep the Bahamas on your prayer list. Maybe by the time you are reading this little report, your humble servant will be on the water somewhere, going from island to island, helping to strengthen the work, and trying to bring in the lost.

With best wishes for a blessed Assembly year, yours in the Master's service, William R. Franks, Overseer of Bahamas, P. O. Box 211, Nassau N. P., Bahamas.

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Praise God For Bible Church

DESIRE, Frankfield, Clarendon, Jamaica, B. W. I.—Greetings to the brethren of the States and islands of the seas. Glory to God! This finds me a member of the blessed old Church of God. The truths of this pathway bring extra joy to my soul, more than I can express. As a young man, I find it best to surrender my life to the Lord, making a voluntary decision to do the will of God rather than my own will.

I feel like letting the other young men know how I became a member of the great Church of God, and the benefits derived. I was brought up as a Congregational S. S. boy, then after holiness was preached by the Pentecostal folks, I got saved, as a school boy, in 1926. My schoolmates did not want me to keep saved but God's power was strong and that was enough for me. He carried me through successfully. My parents were determined that I should go to college or undertake higher studies, which would look pleasing to the world. The devil himself tried to show me what I would be temporally but I heard God speaking to me daily then I discovered that the

greatest man or woman is one who preaches this everlasting gospel of the kingdom and lives up to the doctrine and principles of the Word of God. My parents and relatives were persistent that I should go to college and be a teacher but this I want to say, God moves in a mysterious way.

In 1932 I was assistant teacher in one of the elementary schools and it happened that one night I attended one of the Church of God services, then I met one of the able Jamaica workers, Elder H. A. Hudson, now overseer of Jamaica. Miraculous it was for the first time he met me but as a man of God he saw something in me and after the service was dismissed we got into a conversation. He began to outline to me the doctrines of the Bible Church and I found something in him that I did not have, that was the sweet, precious Holy Ghost. This able man of God began to expound to me, like Philip did the eunuch, deeper light on the Word of God but as I was teaching in school then, I did not know how to leave my friends and associates. On the other hand there was a love in me for the Pentecostal assembly. From that time on I

found my school life was confused.

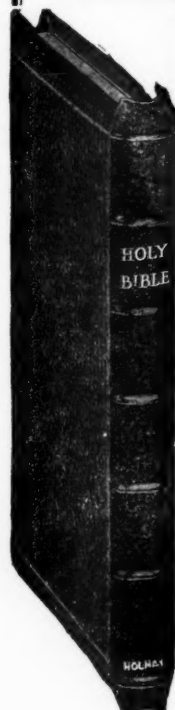
In the month of November, 1932, I was invited by H. A. Hudson to one of his stations in the district called Grantham. When I went to the service it was so inspiring that I could not return without being a member of the Church of God and right away I was added to the Church. I returned and gave final notice to leave school, also my position in the sects, as a young deacon there. My parents, relatives, and teachers said I was going crazy with the religion I had found. It was new to them, but glory to God, to me it was the same old time religion that was tried in the fiery furnace.

In 1933 I gave up everything that belonged to the world and am standing foursquare for the Church of God. My family all said they would have nothing to do with me if I did not leave this way, but this morning finds me saved, sanctified, baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost and fire. As I gave up the things of the world, the sweet Comforter came in on Sept. 27, 1933. Say, boys, He abides and I am happy on my way to gloryland.

Please pray for the work in Jamaica and for our new overseer, H. A. Hudson.

To you young men I'll say, I was saved six years before but I never felt the joy of salvation until I was added to the Church of God in 1932. Surrender your lives completely to Jesus if you want the joy of salvation. Pray for me.—Yours in the faith, Evangelist C. A. Morris.

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REPORTS

Report of Georgia Ministers' Meeting

On Nov. 19, 1935 fifty-one ministers from various parts of the state assembled at the Church of God at Macon to consider plans for advancing the cause of Christ and His Church in Georgia. Services were called to order at 7:00 p. m. by our state overseer, Brother J. P. Hughes. A lively song service mixed with prevailing prayer and praises ensued, followed by scripture reading and opening remarks by Brother Hughes. Brothers J. H. Walker, S. W. Latimer and M. P. Cross were present and gave us encouraging talks at this time. The remainder of the evening was given to business session, also the services through the following day.

The ministers' meeting closed Wednesday night, Nov. 20th, with a free-for-all service, featuring a stirring message by our General Overseer, Brother Walker, which seemed to inspire this body of ministers to preach Christ in His simplicity and saving power.

Business passed upon was as follows: All home mission money will be used for the evangelizing of new fields exclusively, and ministers doing constructive work in new fields are entitled to help from its funds. Georgia will have no state evangelist, but each minister who is not a pastor should get into new fields and do his best. Each district overseer is expected to give a complete report of the work on his district at the state convention which will convene in May.

The state camp meeting was set for July 9-19. The ministers of the state of Georgia are to pay five dollars each and raise the equivalent of ten cents per member in his local church for the purchase of a state camp ground. Each minister is further expected to raise his mission quota, aged ministers' fund, and his forty cents per member for general indebtedness where he has not done so; to push the Octagon soap coupon drive; be prompt in reporting to both the state overseer and Headquarters and to be a worker for the Evangel, securing not less than five subscriptions by the state convention.

Brother Wesley H. Daniel was appointed state superintendent of Sunday Schools and E. M. Tapley, state secretary of the Y. P. E. The body of ministers unanimously approved of the purchase of furniture for the state parsonage from the mission fund last year, and recommended that it be retained. Come on, ministers, and let's go over the

top in every respect. God will help us!—E. M. Tapley, clerk of convention.

Northwest Bible School Progressing

I am sure you are wondering how our school is progressing in the Northwest. We are pleased to tell you that students have come from Canada, Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin. These students are filled with a great desire to equip themselves for the work which lies before them; namely, telling the story of Jesus and His love. The faculty of the school are doing their utmost to make this school a success. At times we are overwhelmed with the Spirit and presence of God. As I sit in the office at the school I now hear the voices of the school faculty and student body going up in praise to God in one accord as a sound of many waters. It is wonderful to be here in this atmosphere; and at this writing there stirs within me a determination to herald this message for all there is in me as the time is short.

Our enrollment, when all applicants have arrived, will be about eighty, perhaps a little more, and I can conscientiously say that they are eighty of the brightest, most eager young folks I have ever seen. Remember us in your prayers. —Yours for the Church and its progression, Paul H. Walker.

Sin Is To Blame

I am, not writing this because of the desire to be writing but I trust that some lost man may catch the thought I am endeavoring to convey. I am serving ten to twenty-five years here in this great prison, the largest of its kind in the world, for the crime of sin.

After receiving my sentence for this great crime, the thought of coming here made me sick with despair, and courage slowly ebbed from my heart. To think that I was from a respectable family; my friends, associates, and environment were above the average; my parents were the best any boy could ever hope for. I had what a number of boys didn't have—every opportunity in the world to make good, yet in spite of all these things I failed miserably and brought only shame and disgrace to my parents.

Since my incarceration a great change has taken place in my life. I began to think seriously, more seriously than at any other time in my life. What was wrong and where had I failed? I began to think of where I was going to spend eternity. During these years of solitude and meditation I have recalled many incidents and revealed them separately, and the past was amazingly unfolded like a picture on the screen. Certainly no one

was to blame for my difficulty other than sin.

Today I can say that I have acquired a great many things by the help of God. Peace of mind has returned and many alterations have been substituted therein to the glory of God, most important of which is the future view toward the uncertain pathway of my own life.

I have achieved the judgment of not being so eager in censuring others, and furthermore the ability to smile in the face of trials and tribulation has meant much to me. As a result of this self-analysis and personal investigation, the statistics prove to me, beyond a doubt, that serving God is the best policy.

There are so many particulars involved in the changing of habits and traits that to list them all, I doubt if the help derived therefrom would prove beneficial as they would be too easily forgotten. But I sincerely believe the most important one of all is to give your heart to God, if you are honest with yourself and really mean to change. A man knows the facts concerning himself better than any one and to attain the goal he is aiming for he must analyze himself. For the faults that he finds he must substitute a practical remedy that will stand the most rigid test, and that would be prayer. When this has been accomplished, victory cannot be denied.

Just what I intend doing upon my release is evident and the firmness and truth of the convictions revealed are enough to make me fully prepared for the future success of my life. It will be a hard, uphill struggle but the reward in the end will pay dividends that no other investment can possibly pay.

I desire the prayers of all the praying people.—Raymond Alberts, Serial No. 27263, Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio.

Word Preached Without Compromise

HAMILTON, Ohio.—The Hamilton Church of God closed one of the most successful revivals in recent years Sunday night, Dec. 1st. Evangelist J. W. Sullivan, former associate editor of the Middletown Journal, did the preaching. Twenty-one were saved, fifteen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, eight united with the Church and others expected to follow. Several were reclaimed and the unity and love in the church were greatly increased. The Hamilton church hopes and believes God for a highly successful year. Evangelist Sullivan preaches the fundamentals in the old time Pentecostal way without compromise. The Hamilton church has heard the command of old, "Go Forward."—Glyndon Logsdon, pastor.

God Does Not Overlook The Small Things

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," Matt. 25:40.

Sisters Moore and Chambers, Brother Carl Campbell and I have been visiting and having services with the convicts, also the aged at the poor farm. It is pitiful to see the aged, poor, crippled, and diseased enjoy our talks. Brother Carl picks the guitar and we sing. They always beg us to come again. The boys in stripes seem to respect us and refrain from smoking while we are present. A number held up their hands for prayer, with tears of penitence. I feel this is pleasing to God. We hand tracts through the bars to the colored folks also, telling them Jesus is their only hope. Pray for this work.—One of His servants, Ida McCoy, Cleveland, Tenn.

I Like To Study The Word And Rely on God

PARMA, Mo.—Dear friends, I am so glad I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. It is as real as heaven. I'm so glad I'm in this highway of holiness that the Prophet Isaiah spoke of, that no unclean thing shall go thereon, but the redeemed shall walk thereon, Isa. 35:8. I am glad I can say as the Psalmist David, "Of a truth the Lord is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, the horn of my salvation and my high tower," Psal. 18:2.

The Lord is my deliverer for He knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and when the dark clouds of temptations begin to rise and the devil begins to roar, we, the children of God, can steal away to some secret place and call upon our God and He will make a way of escape. I'm so glad I am serving a God like this. Oh, how I love Him, praise His dear name! It is wonderful to rely on Him, and dear friends, I love to read and study the dear old Word of God, for I find there is life and healing in the Word. When we are undergoing a severe trial we can turn through the pages of God's divine Word and find food for our soul. Jesus is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. When all our friends and loved ones seem to turn their backs on us and we feel we are all alone, we can steal away in prayer to God and He will give us a blessing which we will not have room to contain.

I praise the dear Lord for His mighty power to heal. The other night I was awakened by a severe cough and pain in my side. I began to call on God for help and He sent His healing virtue through my body and in a few minutes every pain

and cough was gone, for which I give Him all the praise. He is so good to me, I can never praise Him enough. I'm so glad He has provided healing for the body as well as salvation for the soul for by His stripes we are healed.

I ask all praying people to pray for me that I will always stay humble and be able to do anything the Lord puts upon me to do, for He has a work for each of His children to do and we should do it willingly and gain other talents for Him. Some may have more talents than others but we should do our part and gain more talents for Him. Pray for me to always stay humble and true to Jesus until He comes or calls for me.—A sister under the blood, Dealie Starnes.

In Need of Prayer

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere: Since God saved me from sin, I am determined to hold out to the end and trust Him for my body. I received light on healing about two and a half years ago. I have been saved only three years, sanctified and filled with the good blessing with the evidence of other tongues about two and half years. Since I have begun trusting God for my body I have not taken one dose of medicine. Before I got saved I spent money every week for medicine of some kind. I promised God if He would heal me I would give all I could to His work, for healing services, etc. He has healed me and my little girl of some severe cases.

My little girl had some kind of running sores all over her body and the Lord completely healed her. Glory to God! The following morning her sores were disappearing and she is not bothered any more with them. The Lord healed me of discharging ears and they stayed healed several months but when I refused to go to Bible School after the way was opened, my ear began running again and I have had the hardest battle overcoming the enemy since then I have ever had. Finally I remembered my vows to God and repented. He seemed to have mercy and answered prayer wonderfully. He opened a way for me to get a car to gather people up for Sunday School and church and I surely want to do my best for Him and His Church.

Brother Rouse prayed for me and my ears were healed again, also my eyes were healed. I have no more desire for coffee and I am trying to be careful in my living as I do not want to displease God.

Now, brothers and sisters, I humbly covet your prayers. Please remember me daily that God will restore my hearing. I am hard of hearing. I can get an ear phone but I do not want to wear one but have promised the Lord if He will heal me I will give the price of one to a cer-

tain minister for the advancement of the work of the Lord. Since I have made the Lord this promise the devil is giving me an awful battle, so if you saints will keep praying for me, God will rebuke the enemy and give me victory. I mean to testify for the glory of God everywhere I go. I mean to fast and pray until God answers. I don't make much but I mean to give all I can to His cause. God comes first with me. The Word says faith without works is dead, and in another place it says pay your vows to the most high and He will deliver you out of trouble. So talk to Jesus about me, call my name to Him every time you pray, please. The Word says pray one for another. I know God will bless you as you pray. Encouraging letters will be appreciated.—William T. Truett, 1242 1-2 East Grand River, Lansing, Mich.

NOTICES

To whom it may concern: Geo. W. Robey has been elected as clerk of the church at Washington, D. C., to succeed R. A. Thomas. His address is 2219 Chester St., S. E. Washington, D. C.

To those who want the best selection of songs as well as a good seller: For evangelists, etc., for a limited time I will wholesale my books, viz., "Choice Gems" for only \$5.00 per 100; \$2.75 per 50; \$1.50 per 25; samples, 10c each; three for 25c. All prices prepaid. Send cash with order. The book contains twenty-six choice songs. Send in your order at once for 100 and be convinced. They do sell in quantities of 50 and 100. The profit is good. Send in your order soon to J. R. West, 1716 Center St., Catlettsburg, Ky.

We are now in an old time revival at this place. Several have prayed through already. Six have received the Holy Ghost. Several have been saved and some sanctified. The altar is full each evening. Brother H. O. Harris is the pastor. He is a good man with whom to work, and is a good pastor.

I am open for calls in evangelistic work. I will go to any state or place. Any one wishing my service write to the address given here.—C. E. Richard, 430 Saginaw Ave., Louisville, Ky.

To whom it may concern: My address is now Blossom, Tex., Gen. Del., for this year. I will take care of this church. Write me here and please pray for me.—Mollie Wilson.

To all the churches in Kannapolis district: Please send your Sunday School reports to G. E. Ramseur, district superintendent, 706 N. Main St., Kannapolis, N. C.

Death Notices

McELROY

Our little darling Malachi was taken from us Oct. 19, 1934, and we miss him so much. He was two years and four and a half months old. Pray for me and my family to live so we can meet him again. Pray a special prayer for the complete healing of my body. I had to give up my work as captain of the Endeavor on account of my health. I would appreciate letters of encouragement. I would like to hear from Sister Maggie.—Your sister in Christ, Mary L. McElroy, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

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HURST

Mrs. Minnie Hurst, wife of Johnnie Hurst, died Nov. 15, 1935. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Brother L. V. Hall, and interment made in Friendship cemetery.—Mrs. J. A. Grinsley, Jasper, Fla.

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ENEAS

Dear Sister Albertha Eneas, wife of W. V. Eneas, died Nov. 11, 1935. She assured us she was ready to go. She was converted to the faith of the Church of God in 1918. She was a good mother, loving wife, and devoted member. Interment was made in the Western cemetery, funeral services being conducted by the following: Brothers W. R. Franks, F. G. Taylor, N. L. Scott, J. E. Huttonson, R. H. Higgs, J. Donaldson, H. Bedford, C. H. Thompson, and E. M. Albury.—One who loved her, Albert Ingraham, deacon.

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SAPP

Vivian Ione Sapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sapp of Anclote, near Tarpon Springs, Fla., died Nov. 25, 1935, at the age of eleven years. She received the baptism June 30, 1935, and was a faithful member of the Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, R. E. Drymon, and interment made in Anclote cemetery.—A friend, Mrs. R. E. Drymon.

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BRANSCOME

Sister Abbie Branscome, wife of Mr. Norman Branscome, of Dugspur, Va., died Nov. 25, 1935. She was born Nov. 3, 1881, being fifty-four years and twenty-two days of age. Funeral services were conducted by John D. Dalton and interment made in the Branscome cemetery.—Mr. and Mrs. Temple Frazier.

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MOREE

Brother Johnnie Moree died May 6,

1935. Had he lived until June 10 he would have been eighty-four years old. He was a member of the Church of God at Riviera, Fla. The funeral was conducted by the writer and interment made in the cemetery at West Palm Beach, Fla.—His pastor, W. R. Sanders.

Truly Loves The Lord

I praise God just now for being saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and fire. The Lord has wonderfully blessed my soul many times since I've been in this good, holy way; and, oh, it seems like I can't praise Him enough for all His goodness to me. Glory be to God! I truly love the Lord since He cleansed my soul from sin and made me pure within. My desire is to serve the Lord daily and let my light shine. I'm determined to go all the way with Jesus.

We have to stay unspotted from this world of sin because we can't cling to sin and serve the Lord. He says, "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed," Josh. 1:9. Praise God for His good Word. He said, "Ye are the light of the world," Matt. 5:14. How can we be the light of the world if we don't let it shine. I want this little light of mine to shine, grow in grace, and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, 2 Peter 3:18.

It makes my heart ache to see the many souls out in sin who have heard the good Word of God and then are neglecting so great a salvation as this, and today many souls who have tasted of the good life to come have refused and now are worshipping sin. Oh, how I pray God to let them see their condition and wake up to righteousness and sin not, Heb. 2:3; Rev. 22:12; John 3:3; Isa. 60:19.

I ask all the saints of God to earnestly pray that I may grow stronger in the Lord and stay in the midst of His will until He comes or calls. Praise the Lord.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. Mary Lemaster, Snyder, Okla.

God Will Hear and Answer Prayer

"What shall I render unto the Lord for his benefits toward me," Psa. 116:12.

I praise the Lord for a God that will hear and answer prayer in a moment's time. My heart is burdened for my people and in this hour of trouble I sincerely desire every true child of God to please pray for my home folks, that God will give them the fullness of His blessing and they will not go down in despair. I am fully depending on the Lord at this needy time and He is a God that never fails.—Mrs. J. H. Walker.

NOTICES

I am open for calls from the churches anywhere. I held a revival in Maryland where twenty-six received the mighty baptism of the good Holy Ghost, the church edified and a nice number added to the Church. If you need my services in a revival, get in touch with me at once.—J. A. Wilson, Manns Choice, Pa.

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There will be a home coming at Thorn, Miss., church, Sunday, Dec. 15th. All members of this church are expected to be there. We invite all neighboring churches and preachers to come. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket. D. L. Barrett, pastor, Houston, Miss.

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In regard to the notice in the Evangel of my reappointment as Treasurer of the State Mission Fund: My initials read L. R. and should have been L. H.—Yours in Christ, L. H. Rickerson, 1022 State St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

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All ministers on the Paris district, please get in touch with Brother Cecil Bridges about your Y. P. E. as he has been appointed president for this district this year. Brother Lane is our state superintendent of Y. P. E. and Sunday School. A ministers' memorandum will be sent to you as soon as we can, for the year's work.—O. J. Plake, district pastor, 331 Bonham, Paris, Tex.

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A CALL TO PRAYER

Special prayer is requested of all our churches and all our people throughout the State of North Carolina on New Year's night. Let's pray the Lord to save, sanctify, baptize with the Holy Ghost, stretch forth His hand to heal, and work signs and wonders, rebuking the enemy back and restoring joy and victory to those in need, revive His Church and build up His kingdom. Amen. Please pray, pray, pray. We are requesting the pastor of each church to lead his flock to prayer, and we trust every minister and member of the Church in the State, all of us together, will take our problems and the lost of our state to God in prayer, and at the same time reconsecrate our little lives into His great keeping with a renewed resolution to work for our Master. God bless in this for Jesus' sake. Amen.—Humbly, John L. Stephens, overseer of North Carolina.

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To those desiring to write me: I am the New River district evangelist and Y. P. E. superintendent and you can reach me at Austinville, Va.—Marvin E. Porter.

Requests

Dear saints everywhere, I have two very special unspoken requests. Please remember them when you pray.—Pauline Weaver, Bible Training School.

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I thank the Lord for healing me when I could hardly talk, also for blessing my baby and mother. Pray for us, also that He will save many souls here.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Bernice Gentry, Ranger, Ga.

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Please remember me when you pray as I am sick in body, but pray most for my soul as I am a sinner. If it is God's will I want to be healed.—A sinner boy, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Dear saints, pray earnestly for the healing of Brother Arnold Stewart's little girl. The doctors say she has T. B.—Yours in the Master's service, Charles E. Johnston, Rt. 1, Hurst, Ill.

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Will you please pray for God to heal Sister Bessie E. Scruggs so she can help in our revival. We need her very much. She hasn't been able to be in service for nearly three months. Pray earnestly that God will heal her at once so she can be back on the battle field for Jesus.—A sister in Christ.

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I praise the Lord for victory in my soul and for the way He is blessing here. We have been here in a revival two weeks. Nine have been saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and the meeting is still going. Pray for us, that the Holy Ghost will have right-of-way. Brother Jim Scalf from Greenville, Tenn., is in charge of the services. God is blessing his work.—Your humble sister, Rosa Kerley, Dunlap, Tenn.

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Dear ones who trust the Lord for healing: Please pray a special prayer for me. I have a small growth on my left eyelid. I know the Lord can take it off.—A sister in Christ, Miss Ethel R. Williams, Rt. 3, Scottsboro, Ala.

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Dear saints, everywhere, please join me in prayer for these souls. They are in a backslidden condition. Ask Him to save, sanctify, and heal, and that they will seek and find the fullness of Jesus, the Holy Ghost and fire. God is working.—R. M. Marks, York, Pa.

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I am at Mills, Ky., starting a revival in the Church of God. High waters and bad weather are against us but please pray

that God will bless and save many souls as this is a new church and the enemy is fighting it hard.—Yours in His name, B. H. Enix, Middlesboro, Ky.

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Pray that God will heal me of asthma. I thank Him for healing me at different times, also for the Holy Ghost. I am looking to Him, fully trusting in Him. I am a member of the Church of God and want to be true.—Mrs. A. C. McGlew, Jasper, Fla., Rt. B.

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I am a member of the Church of God in Norfolk, Va. I am saved, sanctified

and seeking the Holy Ghost. I ask all of you readers and good people to pray that the Lord will restore my eyesight. I thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother Roberson. Please pray for us here in Virginia. We need your prayers. — Your brother in Christ, Wm. Hoy, 1109 Holt St., Norfolk, Va.

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Please pray a special prayer for my daughter whose body is badly afflicted. She is saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and is a member of the Church of God.—Your sister in Christ, Susie Hodges, Eckman, W. Va.

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Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God."

Some one has commented on this saying, that the glowing sand shall become a pool and the thirsty grounds springs of water. This is true, because the millennium in its fullness and from a center reaching out over the entire earth, will begin in Palestine, and these changes will be wrought immediately by the presence, power, and return of Christ on the clouds of heaven, Rev. 19. Of course, all the curse from the soil will be removed by Him who alone can remove it, and the very earth will burst forth with rejoicing, even with joy and singing. Perfect peace and harmony will prevail, the viciousness from all the wild and man-destroying beasts will be taken away. The turning of the desert into gardens and orchards throughout the world will be purely the act of God, and all who are fortunate enough to receive the return of Christ will see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God.

The Lord's righteous indignation is now being kindled against the wicked of this earth and His fury against all their hosts, and He will utterly destroy them. All wickedness and ungodly plotting and planning is designed for the slaughter. Some teach that the earth will be refined by fire but this will not take place until the thousand years is finished.

Any one can see that the entire world has lost its balance and all their plans to bring to pass the things that men most need to do, are a failure. What the Church should be deeply interested in is the preparation for the coming of Jesus, and implanting the truth of God in the hearts and lives of men and women who so badly need Him. It is plain to my mind that post-millenniumism is certainly out of harmony with the interpretation of the Scriptures. Pre-millennialists have the preponderance of the evidence in their favor and the Scriptures rightly divided will bring out the pre-millennium doctrine in its fullness. The great trouble today is the Lord has delayed His coming and the servants have begun to beat and to willfully mistreat the menservants and the maidens and they have begun to digress from the scriptural teachings, bringing leanness to the souls of thousands of people. We can see this every day.

In spite of all our boast and our firm belief in the Church of God and its doctrines, tenets and teachings, the enemy is making inroads on our people.

May God give every one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year is my prayer.

Revival at Carson City, Tenn.

The writer and wife conducted a revival at Carson Springs, Tenn., with five saved, three sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The last night of the meeting there was a large congregation. God did bless in a wonderful way. Three came into the church.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Teaster, evangelists, Hendersonville, N. C., Rt. 3, Box 203.

More Than Conquerors

AIKEN, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing and is still blessing in our church at Langley, S. C. We have just closed a revival with twenty-three converted, fourteen sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost and twelve added to the church. Brother and

Sister Alewine, Brother M. A. Looney and our state overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, did the preaching. The devil got mad and tried himself but God gave the victory, and we are praising Him who made us more than conquerors.

The Y. P. E. and Sunday School are putting on a nice program for Christmas and everything is moving on in love and harmony. Thank God! He did it all, and we are praising Him for every good and perfect gift, for they all come from our heavenly Father. Bless His name! Pray for us.—Your sister under the blood, Mamie J. Osbon.

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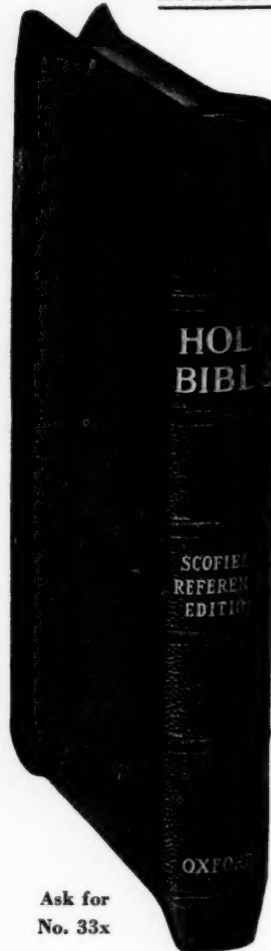
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